

(our cup): may he acknowledge our
earnest and
brilliant invocation: may the munificent
(!NDRA)

accept the offering and the praiseworthy
adoration at
the sacrifice of the devout worshipper.

2. Reciting (his praise, the worshipper)
calls aloud,
that by the sound he may reach the ears
of INDBA,
although abiding afar off: may this
invocation of the
deity, inducing him (to come), bring
INDKA to my
presence.

3. I glorify thee with -hymns and with
pious wor-
ship, the ancient undecaying INDRA, for
in him are
oblations and praises concentrated, and
great adora-
tion is enhanced (when addressed to him) ;

4. INDRA, whom the sacrifice, whom the
libation
exalts, whom the oblation, the praises,
the prayers,
the adoration exalt, whom the course of day
and night
exalts, whom months, and years, and days
exalt.

5. So, wise IXDJIA; may we to-day
propitiate thee
who art manifested, to overcome (our foes),
thee who
art greatly augmenting, mighty and
free, for (the
sake of) wealth, fame, and protection, and
for the de-
struction of (our) enemies.

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Deity, *Rishi*, and metre as before.

1. Drink, INDRA, of that our sweet,
exhilarating,
inspiring, celestial, fruit-yielding *Soma*,
commended
by the wise, and entitled to praise and
preparation:¹

¹ Several of the epithets in the text are unuaual, and,
agreeably
to European notions, very inapplicable to a beverage:
they are,
sevmllly, *mandra*, exhilarating; *kavi*, explained
vikrdnta,
heroic; *dirya*, divine; *vahni* rendered *vodka*, bearing
fruit;
vipramanman, of which sagea are ihe
praiserSjrtofaraA; vac/tana
laudable, >t.-tt/a ; *sacftana* to be served or

honoured, *setya*.